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As an experienced application developer, I do not feel the current proposed final judgement in United States vs. Microsoft adequately meets the criteria required by law. In addition, I do not believe the proposed settlement will have enough of an impact on the market to allow the level of competition to promote proper growth. I believe lack of competition is the most significant threat. It has been proven repeatedly that lack of competition prohibits growth. The breakup of the Big Bell is the classic example of this taught in institutions of higher education.

I believe there are practices by Microsoft that should be looked at beyond their monopolistic packaging. For instance their outrageous new licensing agreements. They are also capitalizing on market by not providing proper information to the hardware extraction layer. They own the only product on the market with complete hardware extraction (SMS) and it (like many of their other products) does not function properly.

Thank you for your time,

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